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Report of the Second Committee

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 24 September 1993, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in its agenda the item entitled "Special programmes of economic assistance" and to allocate it to the Second Committee.

2. The Second Committee considered the item at its 33rd to 35th, 41st, 42nd, 45th and 46th meetings, on 16 to 18, 26 and 29 November and 6 and 9 December 1993. An account of the Committee's discussion of the item is contained in the relevant summary records (A/C.2/48/SR.33-35, 41, 42, 45 and 46). Attention is also drawn to the general debate held by the Committee at its 3rd to 8th meetings, on 8 and 11 to 13 October (see A/C.2/48/SR.3-8).

3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on assistance for the reconstruction and development of Djibouti (A/48/319);

(b) Report of the Secretary-General on assistance to Yemen (A/48/320);

(c) Report of the Secretary-General on assistance for the rehabilitation and reconstruction of Liberia (A/48/392 and Corr.1);

(d) Report of the Secretary-General on the Special Plan of Economic Cooperation for Central America (A/48/405);

(e) Report of the Secretary-General on emergency assistance to the Sudan (A/48/434);

(f) Report of the Secretary-General on assistance for the reconstruction and development of Lebanon (A/48/453);

(g) Report of the Secretary-General on emergency assistance for humanitarian relief and the economic and social rehabilitation of Somalia (A/48/504);

(h) Letter dated 16 July 1993 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of China to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the text of the Final Statement of the eleventh session of the InterAction Council (A/48/272-S/26108);

(i) Letter dated 10 August 1993 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Rwanda to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/48/308-S/26295);

(j) Letter dated 21 October 1993 from the Permanent Representative of Algeria to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the final document of the meeting on locust control held at Algiers on 27 September 1993 (A/48/552);

(k) Letter dated 28 October 1993 from the Permanent Representative of Cyprus to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the communiqué adopted at the Meeting of the Heads of Government of the Countries of the Commonwealth, held at Limassol, Cyprus, from 21 to 25 October 1993 (A/48/564);

(l) Letter dated 8 November 1993 from the Permanent Representative of the Dominican Republic to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the conclusions, decisions and declarations adopted by the Latin American Council of the Latin American Economic System at its nineteenth ordinary ministerial meeting (A/48/597);

(m) Letter dated 2 December 1993 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Ethiopia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the press statement issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Transitional Government of Ethiopia at the conclusion of the Fourth Humanitarian Conference on Somalia (A/48/709);

(n) Letter dated 4 November 1993 from the Permanent Representative of Tunisia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the report of the ad hoc Sahel/Maghreb meeting on the locust situation, held at Tunis on 1 and 2 September 1993 (A/C.2/48/6).

4. At the 33rd meeting, on 16 November, introductory statements were made by the Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs, the Under-Secretary-General for Political Affairs and the Assistant Administrator and Director of the Regional Bureau for Latin America and the Caribbean and the Assistant Administrator and Director of the Regional Bureau for the Arab States of the United Nations Development Programme (see A/C.2/48/SR.33).

II. CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSALS

A. Draft resolution A/C.2/48/L.29

5. At the 41st meeting, on 26 November, the representative of Oman, on behalf of Oman, the United States of America and Yemen, introduced a draft resolution, entitled "Assistance to Yemen" (A/C.2/48/L.29).

6. At the 45th meeting, on 6 December, the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Ryszard Rysinski (Poland), informed the Committee of the results of the informal consultations held on the draft resolution.

7. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/48/L.29 without a vote (see para. 36, draft resolution I).

B. Draft decision A/C.2/48/L.30

8. At the 41st meeting, on 26 November, the representative of Lebanon introduced a draft decision entitled "Assistance for the reconstruction and development of Lebanon" (A/C.2/48/L.30).

9. At the 45th meeting, on 6 December, the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Ryszard Rysinski (Poland), informed the Committee of the results of the informal consultations held on the draft decision.

10. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft decision A/C.2/48/L.30 without a vote (see para. 37).

C. Draft resolutions A/C.2/48/L.31 and L.64

11. At the 41st meeting, on 26 November, the representative of Algeria, on behalf of the African States, introduced a draft resolution entitled "International assistance to Sierra Leone" (A/C.2/48/L.31). Subsequently, Cuba, Grenada, Guyana, Papua New Guinea, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Singapore and the Solomon Islands joined in sponsoring the draft resolution, which read as follows:

"The General Assembly,

"Recalling its resolution 37/158 of 17 December 1982, 38/205 of 20 December 1983 and 39/192 of 17 December 1984, in which it appealed to all States, the specialized agencies and international development and financial institutions to provide all possible assistance for the development of Sierra Leone,

"Further recalling its resolution 37/133 of 17 December 1982, in which it decided to include Sierra Leone in the list of the least developed countries,

"Noting that the Government of Sierra Leone, in cooperation with other Governments of the member States of the Economic Community of West African States embarked upon a peace-keeping/peace-monitoring exercise in Monrovia, capital of neighbouring Liberia, at the height of the Liberian crisis,

"Noting further the seriousness of the destruction and devastation of the economy and the productive areas of the territory of Sierra Leone by the activities of marauding bandits from the strife-torn Liberia,

"Concerned at the devastating effects of those activities on the lives and properties of Sierra Leoneans in the eastern and southern provinces which have resulted in massive problems of refugees and displaced persons in those areas,

"Alarmed at the astronomical cost to the Government of Sierra Leone of prosecuting a war imposed on the people of Sierra Leone as a consequence of the prosecution of the aforementioned war,

"Conscious of the need for the international community to assist Sierra Leone in the rehabilitation of its economy and the effective implementation of reconstruction and rehabilitation programmes which require the mobilization of substantial resources that are beyond the present means of the country,

"Noting also that the financial crisis that Sierra Leone is undergoing has led to a slowing down of its economic and social development,

"1. Expresses its gratitude to the Secretary-General for his efforts in mobilizing the international community, the United Nations system and other organizations to provide assistance to Sierra Leone;

"2. Calls upon the international community and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to provide Sierra Leone with technical, financial and other forms of assistance for the repatriation and resettlement of Sierra Leonean refugees, returnees and displaced persons;

"3. Appeals to the international community and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to provide adequate assistance for the rehabilitation of the economy of Sierra Leone and the reconstruction of its devastated areas;

"4. Urges all States and relevant United Nations bodies to provide all possible assistance to help the Government of Sierra Leone meet the critical humanitarian needs of the population and to provide, as appropriate, food, medicines and essential equipments for hospitals and schools;

"5. Urgently reiterates its appeal to the international community, including the specialized agencies and other organizations and bodies of the United Nations system, to contribute generously, through bilateral and multilateral channels, to the economic and social development of Sierra Leone;

"6. Requests the Secretary-General to continue his efforts to mobilize the resources necessary for an effective programme of financial, technical and material assistance to Sierra Leone;

"7. Further requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its forty-ninth session on the implementation of the present resolution;

"8. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of the forty-ninth session an item entitled 'International assistance to Sierra Leone'."

12. At the 45th meeting, on 6 December, the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Ryszard Rysinski (Poland), introduced a draft resolution submitted on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/48/L.31 (A/C.2/48/L.64).

13. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/48/L.64 without a vote (see para. 36, draft resolution II).

14. In the light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/48/L.64, draft resolution A/C.2/48/L.31 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

D. Draft resolutions A/C.2/48/L.32 and L.63

15. At the 41st meeting, on 26 November, the representative of Algeria, on behalf of the African States, introduced a draft resolution entitled "Assistance for the rehabilitation and reconstruction of Liberia" (A/C.2/48/L.32). Subsequently, Guyana and the United States of America joined in sponsoring the draft resolution, which read as follows:

"The General Assembly,

"Recalling its resolutions 45/232 of 21 December 1990, 46/147 of 17 December 1991 and 47/154 of 18 December 1992,

"Recalling also Security Council resolutions 813 (1993) of 26 March 1993, 856 (1993) of 10 August 1993 and 866 (1993) of 22 September 1993, in which the Security Council, inter alia, decided to establish the United Nations Observer Mission in Liberia under its authority and under the direction of the Secretary-General through his Special Representative for a period of seven months,

"Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on assistance for the rehabilitation and reconstruction of Liberia, 1/

"Noting that, even though a viable country-wide emergency assistance programme has been instituted, security and logistic problems continue to hamper relief assistance, particularly in the interior, and have prevented the transition from emergency relief to reconstruction and development,

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1/ A/48/392 and Corr.1.

"Gravely concerned at the devastating effects of the protracted conflict on socio-economic conditions in Liberia, and noting the urgent need to rehabilitate, in an atmosphere of peace and stability, basic sectors of the country in order to restore nomalcy,

"Welcoming the signing, on 25 July 1993, at Cotonou, Benin, by the Interim Government of National Unity of Liberia, the National Patriotic Front of Liberia and the United Liberation Movement of Liberia for Democracy, of a peace agreement 2/ providing for a cease-fire, disarmament and demobilization of the warring parties, formation of a transitional government and the holding of general and presidential elections,

"1. Expresses its gratitude to the States and international and non-governmental organizations that have responded and continued to respond to appeals by the Government of Liberia, as well as to appeals by the Secretary-General for emergency relief and other assistance;

"2. Expresses its gratitude to the Secretary-General for his continued efforts in mobilizing the international community, the United Nations and other organizations to provide emergency assistance to Liberia, and urges that such assistance be continued;

"3. Calls upon the international community and intergovernmental organizations to provide Liberia with technical, financial and other assistance for the repatriation and resettlement of Liberian refugees, returnees and displaced persons and for the rehabilitation of combatants, which constitute important elements for facilitating the holding of democratic elections in Liberia;

"4. Appeals to the internatinal community and intergovernmental organizations to provide adequate assistance to programmes identified in the report of the Secretary-General 1/ including the Trust Fund established by the Secretary-General, inter alia, to help defray the cost of the deployment of additional peace-keeping forces of the Military Observer Group of the Economic Community of West African States;

"5. Calls upon all parties and factions in Liberia to respect fully the security and safety of personnel of the United Nations and its specialized agencies, and of non-governmental organizations and guarantee their complete freedom of movement throughout Liberia, and to take all necessary measures to create an atmosphere conducive to the successful implementation of the Cotonou Agreement;

"6. Requests the Secretary-General:

"(a) To continue his efforts to coordinate the work of the United Nations system and to mobilize financial, technical and other assistance for the rehabilitation and reconstruction of Liberia;

2/ S/26272, annex.

"(b) To undertake, when conditions permit, in close collaboration with the authorities of Liberia, an overall assessment of needs with the objective of holding, when appropriate, a round-table conference of donors for the rehabilitation and reconstruction of Liberia;

"7. Also requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its forty-ninth session on the implementation of the present resolution."

16. At the 45th meeting, on 6 December, the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Ryszard Rysinski (Poland), introduced a draft resolution submitted on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/48/L.32 (A/C.2/48/L.63).

17. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/48/L.63 without a vote (see para. 36, draft resolution III).

18. In the light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/48/L.63, draft resolution A/C.2/48/L.32 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

E. Draft resolution A/C.2/48/L.33

19. At the 42nd meeting, on 29 November, the representative of Algeria introduced a draft resolution entitled "Assistance for the reconstruction and development of Djibouti" (A/C.2/48/L.33), on behalf of the African States, Bahrain, Bangladesh, China, Djibouti, Jordan, Lebanon, Saudi Arabia and Yemen, subsequently joined by Kuwait and Suriname.

20. At the 45th meeting, on 6 December, the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Ryszard Rysinski (Poland), informed the Committee of the results of the informal consultations held on the draft resolution and orally revised it as follows:

(a) In the fifth preambular paragraph the words "extremely critical economic situation of Djibouti resulting from its geographical location and from the number of priority development projects" were replaced with the words "critical economic situation of Djibouti resulting from the number of priority development projects that have been suspended";

(b) In operative paragraph 6, the words "a study of the economic situation of Djibouti and of the progress made in the organization and implementation of the new special programme of economic assistance for that country" were replaced with the words "a study of the progress made with economic assistance to that country".

21. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/48/L.33, as orally revised, without a vote (see para. 36, draft resolution IV).

F. Draft resolutions A/C.2/48/L.42 and L.65

22. At the 42nd meeting, on 29 November, the representative of El Salvador introduced a draft resolution entitled "Special Plan of Economic Cooperation for Central America" (A/C.2/48/L.42), on behalf of Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama and Paraguay, subsequently joined by Bolivia, Chile, Italy, Peru and Spain. The draft resolution read as follows:

"The General Assembly,

"Recalling its resolution 42/1 of 7 October 1987, 43/24 of 15 November 1988, 44/10 of 23 October 1989 and 45/15 of 20 November 1990,

"Recalling in particular its resolution 42/204 of 11 December 1987, 42/231 of 12 May 1988, 43/210 of 20 December 1988, 44/182 of 19 December 1989, 45/231 of 21 December 1990 and 46/170 of 19 December 1991,

"Recalling the importance of the efforts made by the Secretary-General with respect to the situation in Central America and the continuing involvement of the United Nations in economic cooperation for the region,

"Particularly interested in ensuring that the emergency situation in Central America continues to be addressed, especially in view of the severe economic and social crisis that still affects the region,

"Recognizing the work being done by the United Nations Development Programme in discharging the responsibilities entrusted to it for the coordination of the Special Plan of Economic Cooperation for Central America, 3/ in accordance with the decisions which the Central American Governments have taken on the subject,

"Recognizing also the importance of the Special Plan, especially in promoting intraregional and international consensus on securing and coordinating cooperation; the assistance provided to Central American countries in setting priorities for their development; the involvement of the international community in attaining priority goals; the strengthening of regional organizations, including the General Secretariat of the Central American Integration System, the Central American Bank for Economic Integration, the Permanent Secretariat of the General Treaty on Economic Integration and the Central American Parliament; the mobilization of international resources for the region and the gearing of programmes to the social sector; and the role of the International Conference on Central American Refugees as a vital tool of the emergency programme of the Special Plan,

"Bearing in mind that establishing a region of peace, freedom, democracy and development is a fundamental goal in Central America,

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3/ A/42/949, annex.

"Recognizing the commitments assumed at the Presidential summits, especially the commitments on establishing a framework of priorities with a view to building peace with human development in Central America, which calls for the identification of fundamental changes of activity and the preparation of a new integrated and sustained development strategy,

"Noting that the Presidents of the Central American countries at their fourteenth summit meeting, held from 27 to 29 October 1993, appealed to the international community to support the efforts of the Governments of the subregion to alleviate poverty by carrying out programmes and projects oriented to human development, stating that Central America offered the necessary conditions for establishing interdependence between peace and development and that the building of peace would be strengthened if such interdependence was made effective through an integrated approach,

"1. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on the Special Plan of Economic Cooperation for Central America, 4/ which describes the status of implementation of the Special Plan, together with requirements in terms of the resources and financial assistance indispensable to the completion of priority programmes and projects for building peace;

"2. Requests, given the need to anticipate the depletion of resources under the Special Plan and the conclusion in May 1994 of the International Conference on Central American Refugees, that the necessary resources be provided for the establishment of updated and new regional programmes through arrangements which the Central American countries are to determine jointly with the cooperation community and the agencies of the United Nations system, especially the United Nations Development Programme, with a view to preventing any reversal of the achievements in Central America and building peace in the region through integrated and sustained development;

"3. Urges all States, intergovernmental organizations, international financial institutions, the organs and specialized agencies of the United Nations system and regional and subregional organizations to step up support for the implementation of the goals and objectives of the Special Plan, taking into account the requirements of the countries of the region, which continues to be affected by a severe economic and social crisis;

"4. Again stresses the urgent need for the international community to maintain its cooperation with the Central American countries and to provide them with the necessary additional financial resources on concessional and appropriate terms, with a view to effectively promoting the development and economic growth of the region;

"5. Supports the decision taken by the Presidents of the Central American countries at their fourteenth summit meeting with respect to the adoption of decentralization policies oriented to human development at the local level and linked where necessary to macroeconomic policies, given the need to ensure a continuum from humanitarian assistance to development cooperation;

4/ A/48/405.

"6. Notes with appreciation the effective support extended by international and regional financial institutions to the priority programmes and projects which the Central American countries have identified as regards energy, communications, roads and agriculture within the framework of the Special Plan;

"7. Requests the Secretary-General to submit to it at its forty-ninth session a report on the implementation of the Special Plan;

"8. Decides to examine and evaluate the implementation of the Special Plan at its forty-ninth session."

23. At the 45th meeting, on 6 December, the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Ryszard Rysinski (Poland), introduced a draft resolution submitted on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/48/L.42 (A/C.2/48/L.65).

24. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/48/L.65 without a vote (see para. 36, draft resolution V).

25. In the light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/48/L.65, draft resolution A/C.2/48/L.42 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

26. After the adoption of the draft resolution, the representative of Canada made a statement (see A/C.2/48/SR.45).

G. Draft resolutions A/C.2/48/L.39 and L.68

27. At the 41st meeting, on 26 November, the representative of Algeria introduced a draft resolution entitled "Emergency assistance to the Sudan" (A/C.2/48/L.39), on behalf of the African States, China, Indonesia, Jordan, Sri Lanka, the Syrian Arab Republic and Yemen, subsequently joined by Bangladesh, Oman, Suriname and Malaysia. The draft resolution read as follows:

"The General Assembly,

"Recalling its resolutions 43/8 of 8 October 1988, 43/52 of 6 December 1988, 44/12 of 24 October 1989, 45/226 of 21 December 1990, 46/178 of 19 December 1991 and 47/162 of 18 December 1992 on assistance to the Sudan,

"Noting that despite the progress made in the Sudan Emergency Operation and Operation Lifeline Sudan, considerable relief needs still remain to be addressed, particularly in the areas of non-food assistance, logistics and emergency recovery and rehabilitation,

"Recognizing the need in emergency situations to address the continuum of relief, rehabilitation and development,

"Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General 5/ and the statement made by the representative of the Sudan before the Second Committee of the General Assembly on 16 November 1993,

"1. Takes note with appreciation of the cooperation between the Government of the Sudan and the United Nations, which has resulted in a number of agreements and arrangements to facilitate relief operations and enhance their efficiency and effectiveness;

"2. Calls upon the international community to continue to contribute generously to the emergency needs of the country, including the recovery and rehabilitation needs;

"3. Requests the Secretary-General to continue to mobilize and coordinate resources and support to the Sudan, to assess the emergency situation in the country and to report to the General Assembly thereon at its forty-ninth session."

28. At the 46th meeting, on 9 December, the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Ryszard Rysinski (Poland), introduced a draft resolution submitted on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/48/L.39 (A/C.2/48/L.68) and orally revised operative paragraph 2 by replacing the words "country's emergency needs" with the words "emergency needs of the country, including its recovery and rehabilitation needs".

29. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/48/L.68, as orally revised, without a vote (see para. 36, draft resolution VI).

30. In the light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/48/L.68, draft resolution A/C.2/48/L.39 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

31. After the adoption of the draft resolution, the representative of the Sudan made a statement (see A/C.2/48/SR.46).

5/ A/48/434.

H. Draft resolutions A/C.2/48/L.40 and L.69

32. At the 41st meeting, on 26 November, the representative of Algeria introduced a draft resolution entitled "Assistance for humanitarian relief and the economic and social rehabilitation of Somalia" (A/C.2/48/L.40), on behalf of the African States and Bahrain, Barbados, Indonesia, Kuwait, Oman, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Trinidad and Tobago, the United Arab Emirates and Yemen. The draft resolution read as follows:

"The General Assembly,

"Recalling its resolutions 43/206 of 20 December 1988, 44/178 of 19 December 1989, 45/229 of 21 December 1990, 46/176 of 19 December 1991 and 47/160 of 18 December 1992 and the resolutions and decisions of the Economic and Social Council on emergency assistance to Somalia,

"Recalling Security Council resolution 733 (1992) of 23 January 1992 and all subsequent relevant resolutions, in which, inter alia, the Council urged all parties, movements and factions in Somalia to facilitate the efforts of the United Nations, its specialized agencies and humanitarian organizations to provide urgent humanitarian assistance to the affected population in Somalia and reiterated the call for the full respect of the security and safety of the personnel of those organizations and the guarantee of their complete freedom of movement in and around Mogadishu and other parts of Somalia,

"Noting the cooperation between the United Nations, the Organization of African Unity, the League of Arab States, the Organization of the Islamic Conference, the countries of the Horn of Africa and the countries of the Non-Aligned Movement in their efforts to resolve the humanitarian, security and political crisis in Somalia,

"Noting with appreciation the continued efforts taken by the Secretary-General to assist the Somali people in their efforts to promote peace, stability and national reconciliation,

"Noting also the significant improvement in the situation in most parts of the country achieved by the United Nations Operations in Somalia,

"Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General on emergency assistance to Somalia 6/ and the statement made before the Second Committee of the General Assembly on 16 November 1993 by the Under-Secretary-General for the Department of Humanitarian Affairs,

"Deeply appreciative of the humanitarian assistance rendered by a number of Member States to alleviate the hardship and suffering of the affected Somali population,

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6/ A/48/504.

"Emphasizing the importance of the further implementation of resolution 47/160 and, in particular, operative paragraphs 5 to 10, to rehabilitate the basic social and economic services at the local and regional levels throughout the country,

"Recognizing that the emergency phase of the crisis is almost over and that the focus is to be shifted to rehabilitation and recovery,

"1. Expresses its gratitude to the Member States and the intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations that have responded to the appeals of the Secretary-General and others by extending assistance to Somalia;

"2. Expresses its appreciation to the Secretary-General for his continued and tireless efforts to mobilize assistance to the Somali people;

"3. Welcomes the ongoing efforts of the United Nations, the Organization of African Unity, the League of Arab States, the Organization of the Islamic Conference, the countries of the Horn of Africa and the countries of the Non-Aligned Movement to resolve the situation in Somalia;

"4. Urges all States and relevant intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to continue the further implementation of resolution 47/160, in particular operative paragraphs 5 to 10, in order to assist the Somali people to embark on the rehabilitation of basic social and economic services as well as institution-building aimed at the restoration of civil administration at the local level in all those parts of the country where peace, security and stability prevail;

"5. Appeals to all the Somali parties concerned to terminate hostilities and to engage in a national reconciliation process which will lead to the re-establishment of peace, order and stability and also facilitate relief, rehabilitation and national reconciliation efforts;

"6. Calls upon the Secretary-General to continue to mobilize international humanitarian and rehabilitation assistance for Somalia;

"7. Requests the Secretary-General, in view of the critical situation in Somalia, to take all necessary measures for the implementation of the present resolution, to apprise the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 1994 of the progress made and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its forty-ninth session."

33. At the 46th meeting, on 9 December, the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Ryszard Rysinski (Poland), introduced a draft resolution submitted on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/48/L.40 (A/C.2/48/L.69).

34. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/48/L.69 without a vote (see para. 36, draft resolution VII).

35. In the light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/48/L.69, draft resolution A/C.2/48/L.40 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

III. RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE

36. The Second Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolutions:

DRAFT RESOLUTION I

Assistance to Yemen

The General Assembly,

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General, 7/

Recalling its resolutions 47/179 of 22 December 1992, 46/174 of 19 December 1991, 45/193 and 45/222 of 21 December 1990, and Economic and Social Council resolutions 1993/58 of 29 July 1993 and 1991/62 of 26 July 1991, and decisions 91/19 and 91/20 of 25 June 1991 of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme, 8/

Noting the importance of implementing all relevant General Assembly and Economic and Social Council resolutions, and relevant decisions of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme,

Requests the Secretary-General to keep under review the implementation of all relevant previous resolutions and to submit to the General Assembly at its fiftieth session a comprehensive report on the implementation of those resolutions.

DRAFT RESOLUTION II

International assistance to Sierra Leone

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 37/158 of 17 December 1982, 38/205 of 20 December 1983 and 39/192 of 17 December 1984, in which it appealed to all States, the specialized agencies and international development and financial institutions to provide all possible assistance for the development of Sierra Leone,

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7/ A/48/320.

8/ See Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1991, Supplement No. 13 (E/1991/34), annex I.

Recalling also its resolution 37/133 of 17 December 1982, in which it decided to include Sierra Leone in the list of the least developed countries,

Recalling further Security Council resolution 866 (1993) of 22 September 1993, by which the Council decided to establish the United Nations Observer Mission in Liberia under its authority to, inter alia, monitor compliance with other elements of the Peace Agreement, 9/ including at points on Liberia's borders with Sierra Leone and other neighbouring countries,

Noting that the Government of Sierra Leone, in cooperation with other Governments of the member States of the Economic Community of West African States embarked upon a peace-keeping/peace-monitoring exercise in Monrovia, capital of neighbouring Liberia, at the height of the Liberian crisis,

Noting also the serious destruction and devastation of the productive areas of the territory of Sierra Leone, and of the economy as a whole, brought about by the spill-over effect of the conflict in Liberia,

Concerned at the devastating effects of those activities on the lives and properties of Sierra Leoneans in the eastern and southern provinces, which have resulted in massive outflows of refugees and displaced persons in those areas,

Alarmed at the astronomical cost to the Government of Sierra Leone of protecting its territory and people from the spill-over effect of the conflict in Liberia,

Conscious of the need for the international community to assist Sierra Leone in the rehabilitation of its economy and the effective implementation of reconstruction and rehabilitation programmes, which require the mobilization of substantial resources that are beyond the present means of the country,

Noting that the financial crisis that Sierra Leone is undergoing has led to a slowing down of its economic and social development,

1. Expresses its gratitude to the Secretary-General for his efforts in mobilizing the international community, the United Nations system and other organizations to provide assistance to Sierra Leone;

2. Calls upon the international community and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to provide Sierra Leone with technical, financial and other forms of assistance for the repatriation and resettlement of Sierra Leonean refugees, returnees and displaced persons;

3. Appeals to the international community and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to provide adequate assistance for the rehabilitation of the economy of Sierra Leone and the reconstruction of its devastated areas;

9/ S/26272.

4. Urges all States and relevant United Nations bodies to provide all possible assistance to help the Government of Sierra Leone meet the critical humanitarian needs of the population and to provide, as appropriate, food, medicine and essential equipment for hospitals and schools;

5. Urgently reiterates its appeal to the international community, including the specialized agencies and other organizations and bodies of the United Nations system, to contribute generously, through bilateral and multilateral channels, to the economic and social development of Sierra Leone;

6. Requests the Secretary-General to continue his efforts to mobilize the resources necessary for an effective programme of financial, technical and material assistance to Sierra Leone;

7. Also requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its forty-ninth session on the implementation of the present resolution;

8. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of the forty-ninth session an item entitled "International assistance to Sierra Leone".

DRAFT RESOLUTION III

Assistance for the rehabilitation and reconstruction of Liberia

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 45/232 of 21 December 1990, 46/147 of 17 December 1991 and 47/154 of 18 December 1992,

Recalling also Security Council resolutions 813 (1993) of 26 March 1993, 856 (1993) of 10 August 1993 and 866 (1993) of 22 September 1993, in which the Security Council, inter alia, decided to establish the United Nations Observer Mission in Liberia under its authority and under the direction of the Secretary-General through his Special Representative for a period of seven months,

Taking note of Security Council resolution 868 (1993) of 29 September 1993, in which the Security Council, inter alia, urged States and parties to a conflict to cooperate closely with the United Nations to ensure the security and safety of United Nations forces and personnel,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on assistance for the rehabilitation and reconstruction of Liberia, 10/

Noting that, even though a viable country-wide emergency assistance programme has been instituted, security and logistic problems continue to hamper relief assistance, particularly in the interior, and have prevented the transition from emergency relief to reconstruction and development,

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10/ A/48/392 and Corr.1.

Gravely concerned at the devastating effects of the protracted conflict on socio-economic conditions in Liberia, and noting the urgent need to rehabilitate, in an atmosphere of peace and stability, basic sectors of the country in order to restore normalcy,

Welcoming the signing, under the auspices of the Economic Community of West African States, on 25 July 1993 at Cotonou, by the Interim Government of National Unity of Liberia, the National Patriotic Front of Liberia and the United Liberation Movement of Liberia for Democracy, of a Peace Agreement 11/ providing for a cease-fire, disarmament and demobilization of the warring parties, formation of a transitional Government and the holding of general and presidential elections,

1. Expresses its gratitude to the States and international and non-governmental organizations that have responded and continue to respond to appeals by the interim Government of Liberia, as well as to appeals by the Secretary-General for emergency relief and other assistance;

2. Also expresses its gratitude to the Secretary-General for his continued efforts in mobilizing the international community, the United Nations and other organizations to provide emergency assistance to Liberia, and urges that such assistance be continued;

3. Calls upon the international community and intergovernmental organizations to continue to provide Liberia, as appropriate, with technical, financial and other assistance for the repatriation and resettlement of Liberian refugees, returnees and displaced persons and for the rehabilitation of combatants, which constitute important elements for facilitating the holding of democratic elections in Liberia;

4. Appeals to the international community and intergovernmental organizations to provide adequate assistance to programmes identified in the report of the Secretary-General, 10/ including the Trust Fund established by the Secretary-General, inter alia, to help defray the cost of the deployment of additional peace-keeping forces of the Military Observer Group of the Economic Community of West African States;

5. Calls upon all parties and factions in Liberia to ensure fully the security and safety of personnel of the United Nations and its specialized agencies, and of non-governmental organizations and guarantee their complete freedom of movement throughout Liberia, and to take all necessary steps to create an atmosphere conducive to the successful implementation of the Cotonou Agreement;

6. Requests the Secretary-General:

(a) To continue his efforts to coordinate the work of the United Nations system and to mobilize financial, technical and other assistance for the rehabilitation and reconstruction of Liberia;

11/ S/26272, annex.

(b) To undertake, when conditions permit, in close collaboration with the authorities of Liberia, an overall assessment of needs with the objective of holding, when appropriate, a round-table conference of donors for the rehabilitation and reconstruction of Liberia;

7. Also requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its forty-ninth session on the implementation of the present resolution;

8. Decides to include in the provisional agenda for the forty-ninth session of the General Assembly an item entitled "International assistance for the reconstruction and rehabilitation of Liberia".

DRAFT RESOLUTION IV

Assistance for the reconstruction and development of Djibouti

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 47/157 of 18 December 1992 and its previous resolutions on economic assistance to Djibouti,

Recalling also the Paris Declaration and the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the 1990s, 12/ adopted by the Second United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries on 14 September 1990, as well as the mutual commitments undertaken on that occasion and the importance attached to the follow-up to that Conference,

Noting that the economic and social development efforts of Djibouti, which is included in the list of least developed countries, are constrained by the extremes of the local climate, for example, cyclical droughts, torrential rains and floods such as those which occurred in 1989, and that the implementation of reconstruction and development programmes requires the deployment of resources that exceed the real capacity of the country,

Noting with concern that the situation in Djibouti has been adversely affected by the evolving critical situation in the Horn of Africa, and noting the presence of over 100,000 refugees and persons displaced from their countries, which has, on the one hand, placed serious strains on the fragile economic, social and administrative infrastructure of the country and, on the other, raised serious security concerns,

Noting the critical economic situation of Djibouti resulting from the number of priority development projects that have been suspended in the light of the new critical regional and international situation,

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12/ Report of the Second United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries, Paris, 3-14 September 1990 (A/CONF.147/18), part one.

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General, 13/

Noting with gratitude the support provided to emergency relief operations during the floods in 1989 by various countries and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations,

1. Declares its solidarity with the Government and people of Djibouti in the face of the devastating consequences of the torrential rains and floods and the new economic realities of Djibouti resulting in particular from the new critical situation in the Horn of Africa;

2. Expresses its appreciation to the Secretary-General for his efforts to make the international community aware of the difficulties faced by Djibouti in particular and the Horn of Africa in general;

3. Invites the United Nations system, in particular the United Nations Development Programme, to assist the Government of Djibouti, in the context of the scheduled round-table meeting, in preparing an urgent programme of rehabilitation and reconstruction, as well as a sustainable and adequate long-term development programme;

4. Calls upon all States, all regional and interregional organizations, non-governmental organizations and other intergovernmental agencies, in particular the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Children's Fund, the World Food Programme, the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the International Fund for Agricultural Development and the World Bank, to provide Djibouti with appropriate assistance, on a bilateral as well as a multilateral basis, to enable it to cope with its special economic difficulties;

5. Requests the Secretary-General to continue his efforts to mobilize the resources necessary for an effective programme of financial, technical and material assistance to Djibouti;

6. Also requests the Secretary-General to prepare a study of the progress made with economic assistance to that country, in time for the question to be considered by the General Assembly at its forty-ninth session.

DRAFT RESOLUTION V

Special Plan of Economic Cooperation for Central America

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 42/1 of 7 October 1987, 43/24 of 15 November 1988, 44/10 of 23 October 1989 and 45/15 of 20 November 1990,

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13/ A/48/319.

Recalling in particular its resolutions 42/204 of 11 December 1987, 42/231 of 12 May 1988, 43/210 of 20 December 1988, 44/182 of 19 December 1989, 45/231 of 21 December 1990 and 46/170 of 19 December 1991,

Recalling the importance of the efforts made by the Secretary-General with respect to the situation in Central America and the continuing involvement of the United Nations in economic cooperation in the region,

Particularly interested in ensuring that the critical situation in Central America continues to be addressed, especially in view of the severe economic and social crises that still affect the region,

Recognizing the work being done by the United Nations Development Programme in discharging the responsibilities entrusted to it for the coordination of the Special Plan of Economic Cooperation for Central America, 14/ in accordance with the decisions that the Central American Governments have taken on the subject,

Recognizing also the importance of the Special Plan, especially in promoting intraregional and international consensus on securing and coordinating cooperation; the assistance provided to Central American countries in setting priorities for their development; the involvement of the international community in attaining priority goals; the strengthening of regional organizations, including the General Secretariat of the Central American Integration System, the Central American Bank for Economic Integration, the Permanent Secretariat of the General Treaty on Economic Integration and the Central American Parliament; the mobilization of international resources for the region and the gearing of programmes to the social sector; and the role of the International Conference on Central American Refugees as a vital tool of the emergency programme of the Special Plan,

Bearing in mind that establishing a region of peace, freedom, democracy and development is a fundamental goal in Central America,

Recognizing the commitments assumed at the Presidential summits, especially the commitments on establishing a framework of priorities with a view to preventing any reversal of the achievements in Central America and to building a firm and lasting peace with human development in the region, which calls for the identification of fundamentally new courses of action and the preparation of a new integrated and sustained development strategy,

Noting that the Presidents of the Central American countries at their fourteenth summit meeting, held from 27 to 29 October 1993, 15/ stated that Central America offered the conditions necessary for establishing interdependence between peace and development and that the building of peace would be strengthened if such interdependence were made effective through an integrated approach, and appealed to the international community to support the

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14/ A/42/949, annex.

15/ See A/48/597, annex.

efforts of the Governments of the subregion to alleviate poverty by carrying out programmes and projects oriented to human development,

1. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on the Special Plan of Economic Cooperation for Central America, 16/ which describes the status of implementation of the Special Plan, together with requirements in terms of the resources and financial assistance indispensable to the completion of priority programmes and projects for building peace;

2. Supports the efforts of the Central American Governments in their commitments to poverty alleviation and sustainable human development, and urges them to implement further appropriate policies and programmes in executing those commitments;

3. Requests, given the need to anticipate the depletion of resources under the Special Plan and the conclusion in May 1994 of the International Conference on Central American Refugees, that the necessary resources be provided for the establishment of updated and new regional programmes through arrangements that the Central American countries are to determine jointly with the cooperation community and the agencies of the United Nations system, especially the United Nations Development Programme in support of the efforts of the Central American Governments with a view to preventing any reversal of the achievements in Central America and building peace in the region through integrated and sustained development;

4. Urges all States, intergovernmental organizations, international financial institutions, the organs and specialized agencies of the United Nations system and regional and subregional organizations to step up support for the implementation of the goals and objectives of the Special Plan, taking into account the severe economic and social crises facing the region;

5. Again stresses the urgent need for the international community to maintain its cooperation with the Central American countries and to provide them, in a sustained manner, with adequate financial and technical resources on appropriate terms, with a view to promoting effectively the development and economic growth of the region;

6. Commends the efforts of the Central American peoples and Governments to consolidate peace by implementing the agreements adopted at the summit meetings since 1987, urges them to continue with their efforts to consolidate a firm and lasting peace in Central America, and requests the Secretary-General to continue to afford the fullest possible support for the initiatives and efforts of the Central American Governments;

7. Supports the decision taken by the Presidents of the Central American countries at their fourteenth summit meeting with respect to the adoption of decentralization policies oriented to human development at the local level and linked where necessary to macroeconomic policies, given the need to ensure a continuum from humanitarian assistance to development cooperation;

16/ A/48/405.

8. Notes with appreciation the effective support extended by international and regional financial institutions to the priority programmes and projects that the Central American countries have identified as regards energy, communications, roads and agriculture within the framework of the Special Plan;

9. Requests the Secretary-General to submit to it at its forty-ninth session a report on the implementation of the Special Plan;

10. Decides to examine and evaluate the implementation of the Special Plan at its forty-ninth session.

DRAFT RESOLUTION VI

Emergency assistance to the Sudan

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 43/8 of 18 October 1988, 43/52 of 6 December 1988, 44/12 of 24 October 1989, 45/226 of 21 December 1990, 46/178 of 19 December 1991 and 47/162 of 18 December 1992 on assistance to the Sudan,

Noting that despite the progress made in the Sudan Emergency Operation and Operation Lifeline Sudan, considerable relief needs still remain to be addressed, particularly in the areas of non-food assistance, logistics and emergency recovery and rehabilitation,

Recognizing the need in emergency situations to address the continuum of relief, rehabilitation and development,

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General on emergency assistance to the Sudan, 17/ and of the statement made by the representative of the Sudan before the Second Committee of the General Assembly on 16 November 1993, 18/

1. Notes with appreciation the cooperation between the Government of the Sudan and the United Nations, which has resulted in a number of agreements and arrangements to facilitate relief operations and enhance their efficiency and effectiveness, and encourages the Government of the Sudan to continue to improve their implementation;

2. Calls upon the international community to continue to contribute generously to the emergency needs of the country, including its recovery and rehabilitation needs, as well as national capacity-building in the areas of emergency management, preparedness and prevention;

17/ A/48/434.

18/ See A/C.2/48/SR.33.

3. Appeals to all parties concerned to continue to pursue dialogue and negotiations and to terminate hostilities in order to allow for the re-establishment of peace, order and stability and also to facilitate relief efforts;

4. Stresses the importance of assuring safe access for personnel providing relief assistance to all in need;

5. Urges all parties involved to continue to offer all feasible assistance, including facilitating the movement of relief supplies and personnel to guarantee maximum success of the Sudan Emergency Operation in all parts of the country;

6. Requests the Secretary-General to continue to mobilize and coordinate resources and support to the Sudan Emergency Operation and Operation Lifeline Sudan, to assess the emergency situation in the country and to report thereon and on the recovery and rehabilitation of the country to the General Assembly at its forty-ninth session.

DRAFT RESOLUTION VII

Assistance for humanitarian relief and the economic and social rehabilitation of Somalia

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 43/206 of 20 December 1988, 44/178 of 19 December 1989, 45/229 of 21 December 1990, 46/176 of 19 December 1991 and 47/160 of 18 December 1992 and the resolutions and decisions of the Economic and Social Council on emergency assistance to Somalia,

Recalling also Security Council resolution 733 (1992) of 23 January 1992 and all subsequent relevant resolutions, in which the Council, inter alia, urged all parties, movements and factions in Somalia to facilitate the efforts of the United Nations, its specialized agencies and humanitarian organizations to provide urgent humanitarian assistance to the affected population in Somalia and reiterated the call for the full respect of the security and safety of the personnel of those organizations and the guarantee of their complete freedom of movement in and around Mogadishu and other parts of Somalia,

Noting the cooperation between the United Nations, the Organization of African Unity, the League of Arab States, the Organization of the Islamic Conference, the countries of the Horn of Africa and the countries of the Non-Aligned Movement in their efforts to resolve the humanitarian, security and political crisis in Somalia,

Noting with appreciation the continued efforts made by the Secretary-General to assist the Somali people in their efforts to promote peace, stability and national reconciliation,

Welcoming the results of the Fourth Coordination Meeting for Humanitarian Assistance for Somalia, held at Addis Ababa from 29 November to 1 December 1993,

Noting the significant improvement in the situation in most parts of the country achieved by the United Nations Operation in Somalia,

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General on emergency assistance for humanitarian relief and the economic and social rehabilitation of Somalia 19/ and the statement made before the Second Committee of the General Assembly on 16 November 1993 by the Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs, 20/

Deeply appreciative of the humanitarian assistance rendered by a number of States to alleviate the hardship and suffering of the affected Somali population,

Emphasizing the importance of the further implementation of its resolution 47/160 to rehabilitate basic social and economic services at the local and regional levels throughout the country,

Recognizing that the emergency phase of the present crisis is almost over and that the focus is shifting to rehabilitation and recovery,

1. Expresses its gratitude to all States and the intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations that have responded to the appeals of the Secretary-General and others by extending assistance to Somalia;

2. Expresses its appreciation to the Secretary-General for his continued and tireless efforts to mobilize assistance to the Somali people;

3. Welcomes the ongoing efforts of the United Nations, the Organization of African Unity, the League of Arab States, the Organization of the Islamic Conference, the countries of the Horn of Africa and the countries of the Non-Aligned Movement to resolve the situation in Somalia;

4. Urges all States and relevant intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to continue the further implementation of its resolution 47/160 in order to assist the Somali people to embark on the rehabilitation of basic social and economic services as well as institution-building aimed at the restoration of civil administration at the local level in all those parts of the country where peace, security and stability prevail;

5. Appeals to all the Somali parties concerned to terminate hostilities on the basis of the Addis Ababa Agreement of 27 March 1993, and to engage in a national reconciliation process leading to the re-establishment of peace, order and stability, which are essential if relief and rehabilitation efforts are to be successful;

19/ A/48/504.

20/ See A/C.2/48/SR.33.

6. Calls upon all parties, movements and factions in Somalia to respect fully the security and safety of personnel of the United Nations and its specialized agencies and of non-governmental organizations, and to guarantee their complete freedom of movement throughout Somalia;

7. Calls upon the Secretary-General to continue to mobilize international humanitarian and rehabilitation assistance for Somalia;

8. Requests the Secretary-General, in view of the critical situation in Somalia, to take all necessary measures for the implementation of the present resolution, to apprise the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 1994 of the progress made and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its forty-ninth session.

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37. The Second Committee also recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft decision:

Assistance for the reconstruction and development of Lebanon

The General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Second Committee, decides to take note of the report of the Secretary-General on assistance for the reconstruction and development of Lebanon 21/ and invites him to report to the Assembly at its forty-ninth session on the progress of the implementation of its resolution 47/155 of 18 December 1992.

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INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE FOR THE ECONOMIC REHABILITATION OF ANGOLA

Report of the Second Committee

Rapporteur: Ms. Irene FREUDENSCHUSS-REICHL (Austria)

I. INTRODUCTION

1. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 24 September 1993, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in its agenda the item entitled "International assistance for the economic rehabilitation of Angola" and to allocate it to the Second Committee.

2. The Second Committee considered the item at its 33rd to 35th, 41st and 45th meetings, on 16 to 18 and 26 November and 6 December. An account of the Committee's discussion of the item is contained in the relevant summary records (A/C.2/48/SR.33-35, 41 and 45). Attention is also drawn to the general debate held by the Committee at its 3rd to 8th meetings, on 8 and 11 to 13 October (see A/C.2/48/SR.3-8).

3. For the consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on international assistance for the economic rehabilitation of Angola (A/48/473);

(b) Letter dated 28 October 1993 from the Permanent Representative of Cyprus to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the communiqué adopted at the Meeting of the Heads of Government of the Countries of the Commonwealth, held at Limassol, Cyprus, from 21 to 25 October 1993 (A/48/564).

4. At the 33rd meeting, on 16 November, the Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs made an introductory statement (see A/C.2/48/SR.33).

II. CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT RESOLUTION A/C.2/48/L.36

5. At the 41st meeting, on 26 November, the representative of Brazil introduced a draft resolution entitled "International assistance for the economic rehabilitation of Angola" (A/C.2/48/L.36), on behalf of Algeria (on behalf of the African States), Antigua and Barbuda, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Cambodia, China, Colombia, Cuba, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Portugal and Spain, subsequently joined by Guyana, Italy, Suriname and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia.

6. At the 45th meeting, on 6 December, the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Ryszard Rysinski (Poland), informed the Committee of the results of the informal consultations held on the draft resolution and orally revised operative paragraph 3 by replacing the words "Member States" with the words "all States".

7. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/48/L.36, as orally revised, without a vote (see para. 9).

8. After the adoption of the draft resolution, statements were made by the representative of Greece and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (see A/C.2/47/SR.45).

III. RECOMMENDATION OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE

9. The Second Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

International assistance for the economic rehabilitation of Angola

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 47/164 of 18 December 1992, 46/142 of 17 December 1991, 45/233 of 21 December 1990 and 44/168 of 15 December 1989 on international assistance for the economic rehabilitation of Angola,

Recalling also that the Security Council in its resolutions 347 (1976) of 31 March 1976, 475 (1980) of 27 June 1980, 628 (1989) of 16 January 1989 and other resolutions on international assistance for the economic rehabilitation of Angola had, inter alia, especially requested the international community to render assistance to Angola,

Deeply concerned about the critical economic and political situation prevailing in Angola, which has been aggravated by the renewal of hostilities in October 1992 that continue to destroy the economic and social infrastructure,

Concerned about the serious deterioration of the humanitarian situation, as a result of which 3 million people are estimated to be in need of emergency aid,

Gravely concerned about the drought, which has devastated the centre and south of the country, causing suffering for millions of people,

Taking into consideration the fact that the implementation of the Peace Accords for Angola 1/ would create favourable conditions for the economic and social rehabilitation of the country,

Aware of the need for a greater effort and commitment on the part of the international community to assist Angola in rehabilitating its economy,

Conscious of the fact that during 1993, owing to the prevailing situation in the country, the Government of Angola was not able to organize a donors' round-table conference as planned,

1. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General; 2/

2. Calls upon all parties to do their utmost to achieve the full and effective implementation of the Peace Accords for Angola 1/ in order to bring peace and stability to Angola, thus creating conditions conducive to its economic rehabilitation;

3. Expresses its appreciation to all States, United Nations organizations and other donors for the emergency humanitarian assistance rendered to Angola through the Special Relief Programme for Angola, and appeals for continued and generous contributions for emergency humanitarian assistance;

4. Reiterates its appeal to the international community to continue to render the material, technical and financial assistance necessary for the economic rehabilitation of Angola;

5. Requests the Secretary-General, in cooperation with the international community, to continue to mobilize organizations and organs of the United Nations system in order to ensure an appropriate level of economic assistance for Angola;

6. Welcomes the decision of the Government of Angola to organize a donors' round-table conference for the rehabilitation and reconstruction of Angola in 1994, in collaboration with the United Nations Development Programme, the African Development Bank, the Government of Portugal and other interested countries;

7. Requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its fiftieth session on the implementation of the present resolution;

8. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its fiftieth session the item entitled "International assistance for the economic rehabilitation of Angola".

1/ See S/22609, annex; see Official Records of the Security Council, Forty-sixth Year, Supplement for April, May and June 1991, document S/22609.

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ASSISTANCE FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT OF EL SALVADOR

Report of the Second Committee

Rapporteur: Ms. Irene FREUDENSCHUSS-REICHL (Austria)

I. INTRODUCTION

1. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 24 September 1993, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in its agenda the item entitled "Assistance for the reconstruction and development of El Salvador" and to allocate it to the Second Committee.

2. The Second Committee considered the item at its 33rd to 35th, 42nd and 45th meetings, on 16 to 18 and 29 November and 6 December. An account of the Committee's discussion of the item is contained in the relevant summary records (A/C.2/48/SR.33-35, 42 and 45). Attention is also drawn to the general debate held by the Committee at its 3rd to 8th meetings, on 8 and 11 to 13 October (see A/C.2/48/SR.3-8).

3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the report of the Secretary-General on assistance for the reconstruction and development of El Salvador (A/48/310).

4. At the 33rd meeting, on 16 November, introductory statements were made by the Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and the Assistant Administrator and Director of the Regional Bureau for Latin America and the Caribbean of the United Nations Development Programme (see A/C.2/48/SR.33).

II. CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT RESOLUTION A/C.2/48/L.43

5. At the 42nd meeting, on 29 November, the representative of Costa Rica, introduced a draft resolution entitled "Assistance for the reconstruction and development of El Salvador" (A/C.2/48/L.43), on behalf of Angola, Bolivia, Chile, Costa Rica, Croatia, Cyprus, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Jamaica, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Rwanda, Spain, Suriname and Venezuela, subsequently joined by Belize, Colombia, Guyana and the Russian Federation.

6. At the 45th meeting, on 6 December, the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Ryszard Rysinski (Poland), informed the Committee of the following revisions to the draft resolution made on the basis of informal consultations:

(a) At the end of the second preambular paragraph, the following text was added:

"on assistance for the reconstruction and development of El Salvador, 1/ the further report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Observer Mission in El Salvador, 2/";

"2/ S/26790.

(b) In operative paragraph 2, the words "cooperation community" were replaced with the words "cooperating community";

(c) In operative paragraph 7, after the words "financial resources", the words "in a timely manner and in the necessary amounts" were deleted.

7. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/48/L.43, as orally revised, without a vote (see para. 8).

III. RECOMMENDATION OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE

8. The Second Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Assistance for the reconstruction and development of El Salvador

The General Assembly,

Recalling Security Council resolution 784 (1992) of 30 October 1992 and reaffirming its resolution 47/158 of 18 December 1992,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on assistance for the reconstruction and development of El Salvador, 1/ and the further report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Observer Mission in El Salvador, 2/

Noting the progress made in implementing the commitments assumed as a result of the signing, on 16 January 1992 at Mexico City, of the Chapultepec Agreement 3/ between the Government of El Salvador and the Frente Farabundo Martí para la Liberación Nacional, which put an end to the armed conflict in El Salvador through a process developed under the auspices of the Secretary-General,

Recognizing that El Salvador is at a critical stage of transition and that international cooperation will help to overcome the difficulties that have arisen and to implement fully the commitments assumed under the Chapultepec Agreement,

Noting that, in spite of national efforts and the support given by the international community to the implementation of priority programmes in the National Reconstruction Plan and the strengthening of democratic institutions, some of these programmes have been affected by, inter alia, the limited availability of financial resources,

1. Expresses its appreciation to the Secretary-General and the "group of four friends", Colombia, Mexico, Spain and Venezuela, and to the United States of America and other States that are helping to build peace in El Salvador;

2. Expresses its gratitude to the international community, especially the cooperating community, to the specialized agencies of the United Nations system and to other governmental and non-governmental organizations for the technical and financial assistance they have provided to El Salvador to supplement the effort to build peace;

3. Recognizes that the implementation of the National Reconstruction Plan and the strengthening of democratic institutions are efforts complementary to the peace process: they reflect the collective aspirations and needs of the country, being means of overcoming the root causes of the crisis and of consolidating peace, democracy and human development;

4. Calls upon the signatories to the Chapultepec Agreement to expedite the implementation of any remaining commitments under that Agreement, in order to guarantee fully the building of peace in El Salvador and hence to encourage the international community to increase the level of financial resources

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1/ A/48/310.

2/ S/26790.

3/ A/46/864-S/23501, annex; see Official Records of the Security Council, Forty-seventh Year, Supplement for January, February and March 1992, document S/23501.

accorded to priority projects for reconstruction, development and the strengthening of democratic institutions in El Salvador;

5. Calls upon the Government of El Salvador to consider the possibility, in the implementation of projects under the National Reconstruction Plan in areas affected by the conflict, of greater involvement of non-governmental organizations that have addressed the needs of the populations of those areas, with a view to making the projects more sustainable and facilitating increased participation by civilian society in decisions affecting its future;

6. Emphasizes the importance of external technical and financial assistance to the implementation of the complementary efforts for building peace;

7. Again requests the Secretary-General to take the necessary measures and make every possible effort to mobilize material and financial resources, in keeping with the requirements for the progress of priority programmes in El Salvador;

8. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its forty-ninth session the item entitled "Assistance for the reconstruction and development of El Salvador", and requests the Secretary-General to submit a report on the implementation of the present resolution.

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INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AND ASSISTANCE TO ALLEVIATE THE CONSEQUENCES OF WAR IN CROATIA AND TO FACILITATE ITS RECOVERY

Report of the Second Committee

Rapporteur: Ms. Irene FREUDENSCHUSS-REICHL (Austria)

I. INTRODUCTION

1. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 24 September 1993, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in its agenda the item entitled "International cooperation and assistance to alleviate the consequences of war in Croatia and to facilitate its recovery" and to allocate it to the Second Committee.

2. The Second Committee considered the item at its 33rd to 35th, 40th and 45th meetings, on 16 to 18 and 24 November and 6 December. An account of the Committee's discussion of the item is contained in the relevant summary records (A/C.2/48/SR.33-35, 40 and 45). Attention is also drawn to the general debate held by the Committee at its 3rd to 8th meetings, on 8 and 11 to 13 October (see A/C.2/48/SR.3-8).

3. For the consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on international cooperation and assistance to alleviate the consequences of the war in Croatia and to facilitate its recovery (A/48/534);

(b) Letter dated 18 June 1993 from the Permanent Representative of Croatia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/48/215);

(c) Letter dated 9 September 1993 from the Permanent Representative of Grenada to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting

the communiqué of the 19th meeting of the Standing Committee of the Ministers responsible for Foreign Affairs of the Caribbean Community (A/48/401);

(d) Letter dated 8 October 1993 from the Permanent Representative of Croatia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/48/490-S/26565).

4. At the 33rd meeting, on 16 November, the Director of the Division for Europe and the Commonwealth of Independent States of the United Nations Development Programme made an introductory statement (see A/C.2/48/SR.33).

II. CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT RESOLUTION A/C.2/48/L.26

5. At the 40th meeting, on 24 November, the representative of Croatia introduced a draft resolution entitled "International cooperation and assistance to alleviate the consequences of war in Croatia and to facilitate its recovery" (A/C.2/48/L.26) on behalf of Albania, Argentina, Austria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Costa Rica, Croatia, the Czech Republic, the Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Hungary, Israel, Latvia, Mexico, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkey and Ukraine.

6. At the 45th meeting, on 6 December, the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Ryszard Rysinski (Poland), made a statement in which he informed the Committee of the results of the informal consultations held on the draft resolution.

7. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/48/L.26 without a vote (see para. 8).

III. RECOMMENDATION OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE

8. The Second Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

International cooperation and assistance to alleviate the consequences of war in Croatia and to facilitate its recovery

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming its resolution 47/166 of 18 December 1992,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General, 1/ which summarized the international community's humanitarian effort in Croatia within United

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1/ A/48/534.

United Nations consolidated inter-agency appeals and reviewed the role of the international community in the reconstruction of Croatia,

Taking note of the letter dated 18 June 1993 from the Prime Minister of Croatia addressed to the Secretary-General, 2/

Noting the continuous efforts of the Government of Croatia to solve the problems of the post-war reconstruction of the national infrastructure and, at the same time, to solve the existing problem of refugees, displaced persons and victims of war within Croatia,

Recognizing the importance of the United Nations overall humanitarian effort in Croatia, in particular its involvement in specific actions aimed at transforming humanitarian relief into longer-term development projects,

1. Reaffirms its appeal to all States, regional organizations and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and other relevant bodies to provide cooperation in various forms and special and other assistance, in particular in the most severely affected areas and with a view to facilitating the return of refugees and internally displaced persons to those areas;

2. Requests the Secretary-General, taking into account the circumstances in the region, to carry out, in cooperation with the Government of Croatia, an assessment of needs for the rehabilitation, reconstruction and development of Croatia, and to introduce, if appropriate, an international appeal for the funding of a programme for rehabilitation, reconstruction and development;

3. Also requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its forty-ninth session a comprehensive report on the implementation of the present resolution.

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HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT

Report of the Second Committee

Rapporteur: Ms. Irene FREUDENSCHUSS-REICHL (Austria)

I. INTRODUCTION

1. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 24 September 1993, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its forty-eighth session the item entitled "Human resources development" and to allocate it to the Second Committee.

2. The Second Committee considered the item at its 15th to 17th, 21st and 45th meetings, on 20 to 22 October, 2 November and 6 December 1993. An account of the Committee's discussion of the item is contained in the relevant summary records (A/C.2/48/SR.15-17, 21 and 45). Attention is also drawn to the general debate held by the Committee at its 3rd to 8th meetings, on 8 and 11 to 13 October (see A/C.2/48/SR.3-8).

3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on developing human resources for development (A/48/364);

(b) Letter dated 11 August 1993 from the Permanent Representative of the Bahamas to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the text of the communiqué of the fourteenth meeting of the Conference of Heads of Government of the Caribbean Community (A/48/309);

(c) Letter dated 6 October 1993 from the Permanent Representative of Colombia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the Declaration of the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the Group of 77 adopted at their seventeenth annual meeting (A/48/485);

(d) Letter dated 28 October 1993 from the Permanent Representative of Cyprus to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the text of the communiqué adopted at the Meeting of the Heads of Government of the countries of the Commonwealth, held at Limassol, Cyprus, from 21 to 25 October 1993 (A/48/564);

(e) Letter dated 15 October 1993 from the Acting Permanent Representative of Bangladesh to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the declaration of the Ministerial Meeting of the Least Developed Countries, held in New York on 30 September 1993 (A/C.2/48/4).

4. At the 15th meeting, on 20 October, introductory statements were made by the Director of the Division for Macroeconomic and Social Policy Analysis, Department for Economic and Social Information and Policy Analysis, the Assistant Director of the Division for the Advancement of Women, Department for Policy Coordination and Sustainable Development, the Director of the Special Unit for Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries of the United Nations Development Programme and the Director of the Division for Least Developed, Land-locked and Island Developing Countries of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (see A/C.2/48/SR.15).

II. CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT RESOLUTIONS A/C.2/48/L.9 AND L.56

5. At the 21st meeting, on 2 November, the representative of Colombia, on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are also members of the Group of 77, introduced a draft resolution entitled "Developing human resources for development" (A/C.2/48/L.9) and orally revised it as follows: a new operative paragraph 3 was added to read:

> "Reaffirms the importance of women and youth in human resources development and, in this context, welcomes the International Conference on Women to be held in Beijing in 1995 and the proposal adopted by the Commonwealth Heads of Governments to convene a Global Summit on Youth on an agreed date"

and subsequent paragraphs were renumbered accordingly.

6. The draft resolution, as orally revised, read as follows:

> "The General Assembly,
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> "Reaffirming its resolutions 44/213 of 22 December 1989, 45/191 of 21 December 1990 and 46/143 of 17 December 1991, on developing human resources for development, as well as its resolutions S-18/3 of 1 May 1990 and 45/199 of 21 December 1990,
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> "Recalling its resolutions 40/179 of 17 December 1985 and 44/234 of 22 December 1989,

"Reaffirming that people are central to all development activities and that human resources development is an essential means of achieving sustainable development goals,

"Recognizing that the concept of human resources development specifically refers to the human component of economic, social and development activities,

"Emphasizing that human resources development should contribute to total human development and that there is therefore a need to integrate human resources development into comprehensive strategies for human development,

"Stressing the need for providing adequate resources to enhance the capacity of Governments in developing countries to promote human resources development in pursuit of their national programmes, plans and strategies for development,

"Recognizing that, while stabilization and structural adjustment programmes are intended to promote economic growth and development, elements of such programmes may have an adverse impact on human resources development, and recognizing the need to take action to mitigate those negative effects,

"Stressing that a favourable international economic environment is critical to enhancing human resources development for the promotion of economic growth and development in developing countries,

"Emphasizing the importance of international cooperation in supporting national efforts in human resources development in developing countries and the integral roles of North-South and South-South cooperation in this regard,

"Emphasizing further the need for organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system to continue to give priority to human resources development and to approach the relevant activities in a coordinated and integrated manner,

"1. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on developing human resources for development; 1/

"2. Emphasizes that in the development of human resources an overall, well-conceived and integrated approach should be adopted, taking into account such vital areas as population, health, nutrition, water, sanitation, housing, communications, education and training, and science and technology, as well as the need to create more opportunities for employment;

1/ A/48/364.

"3. Reaffirms the importance of women and youth in human resources development and, in this context, welcomes the International Conference on Women to be held in Beijing in 1995 and the proposal adopted by the Commonwealth Heads of Governments to convene a Global Summit on Youth on an agreed date;

"4. Emphasizes further the primary responsibility of Governments in formulating and implementing appropriate national policies to promote human resources development;

"5. Stresses the need for a supportive international economic environment as regards, inter alia, external indebtedness, terms of trade, commodity prices, improved market access and trade practices, and in this connection, stresses the urgent need for a balanced and successful outcome of the Uruguay Round of multilateral trade negotiations, which would result in the liberalization and expansion of world trade to the benefit of all countries, in particular the developing countries;

"6. Stresses the importance of international support for national efforts and regional programmes in human resources development, particularly in the area of national capacity-building, and stresses further the need to increase the flow of resources to developing countries to this end;

"7. Requests the United Nations development system to strengthen the support provided by its operational activities, at the request of recipient countries, to sectors vital to human resources development;

"8. Calls upon organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system to take appropriate steps to coordinate their activities in support of national and regional action in human resources development, in particular in achieving the targets agreed upon by Governments, bearing in mind the importance of maintaining a multisectoral integrated approach;

"9. Also calls upon the relevant bodies to bear in mind the need for appropriate social safety nets in formulating and implementing stabilization and structural adjustment programmes in developing countries;

"10. Requests the Secretary-General to continue to monitor the activities of the United Nations system in human resources development and in this regard to submit to the General Assembly, at its fiftieth session, a report on the implementation of the present resolution, including further action taken to enhance inter-agency coordination of the United Nations system in the area of human resources development, bearing in mind the definition of human resources development contained in General Assembly resolutions 44/213, 45/191 and 46/143;

"11. Invites the United Nations system to assist interested developing countries in developing their capacity to assess, including through appropriate indicators, the satisfaction of fundamental economic, social and cultural needs of their population in pursuit of human resources development, and requests the Secretary-General to include in his report to

the General Assembly at its fiftieth session information on the steps taken towards this end;

"12. Requests the Secretary-General to take into account the important role of human resources development in the elaboration of an agenda for development;

"13. Decides to include in the agenda of its fiftieth session the item entitled 'Human resources development'."

7. At the 45th meeting, on 6 December, the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Leandro Arellano Resendiz (Mexico), introduced a draft resolution, submitted on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/48/L.9 (A/C.2/48/L.56), and orally revised it by replacing the word "concept" in the sixth line of operative paragraph 9 with the word "definition".

8. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/48/L.56, as orally revised, without a vote (see para. 10).

9. In the light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/48/L.56, draft resolution A/C.2/48/L.9 was withdrawn by the sponsors.

III. RECOMMENDATION OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE

10. The Second Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Developing human resources for development

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming its resolutions 44/213 of 22 December 1989, 45/191 of 21 December 1990 and 46/143 of 17 December 1991, on developing human resources for development, as well as its resolutions S-18/3 of 1 May 1990 and 45/199 of 21 December 1990,

Recalling its resolutions 40/179 of 17 December 1985 and 44/234 of 22 December 1989,

Reaffirming that people are central to all developmental activities and that human resources development is an essential means of achieving sustainable development goals,

Recognizing that the concept of human resources development specifically refers to the human component of economic, social and development activities,

Emphasizing that human resources development should contribute to total human development and that there is therefore a need to integrate human resources development into comprehensive and gender-sensitive strategies for

human development, taking into account the needs of all people, in particular the needs of women,

Stressing the need for adequate resources to enhance the capacity of Governments in developing countries to promote human resources development in pursuit of their national programmes, plans and strategies for development,

Stressing also that Governments of developing countries have the primary responsibility for defining and implementing appropriate policies for human resources development,

Recognizing that while stabilization and structural adjustment programmes are intended to promote economic growth and development, elements of such programmes can have a possibly adverse impact on human resources development, and also that there is a need to take action, in the formulation and implementation of these programmes, to mitigate their negative effects,

Stressing that a favourable international economic environment is crucial to enhancing human resources development for the promotion of economic growth and development in developing countries,

Emphasizing the importance of international cooperation in supporting national efforts in human resources development in developing countries and the vital roles of North-South and South-South cooperation in this regard,

Emphasizing also the need for organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system to give priority to human resources development and to approach the relevant activities in a coordinated and integrated manner,

1. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on developing human resources for development; 2/

2. Emphasizes that in the development of human resources, an overall, well-conceived, integrated and gender-sensitive approach should be adopted, incorporating such vital areas as population, health, nutrition, water, sanitation, housing, communications, education and training, and science and technology, as well as taking into account the need to create more opportunities for employment in an environment that guarantees opportunities for political freedom, popular participation, respect for human rights, justice and equity, all of which are essential for enhancing human capacities to meet the challenge of development;

3. Also emphasizes the need to ensure the full mobilization and integration of women in the formulation and implementation of appropriate national policies to promote human resources development;

4. Reaffirms the importance of women and youth in human resources development and, in this context, welcomes the Fourth World Conference on Women: Action for Equality, Development and Peace, to be held in Beijing in 1995 and

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2/ A/48/364.

the proposal noted at the Meeting of the Heads of Government of the Countries of the Commonwealth, held at Limassol, Cyprus, from 21 to 25 October 1993, to convene a global summit on youth at an agreed date; 3/

5. Stresses the importance of international support for national efforts and regional programmes towards human resources development in developing countries, particularly in the area of national capacity-building, and the need to increase the flow of resources to developing countries for such activities, through, inter alia, the improvement of the international economic environment;

6. Calls upon organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system, at the request of developing countries, to take appropriate steps to strengthen the support provided by their operational activities to national and regional actions and targets for human resources development, in particular by improving coordination and by developing a multisectoral, integrated approach;

7. Also calls upon the relevant bodies to bear in mind the need to mitigate possible negative impacts and to include appropriate social safety nets in the formulation and implementation of stabilization and structural adjustment programmes in developing countries, taking into account the needs of all people, including the needs of women;

8. Notes the important role that non-governmental organizations can play in human resources development;

9. Requests the Secretary-General to continue to monitor the activities of the United Nations system in human resources development and, in this regard, to submit to the General Assembly at its fiftieth session a report on the implementation of the present resolution, including further action taken to enhance inter-agency coordination within the United Nations system with regard to human resources development, and bearing in mind the definition of human resources development presented in Assembly resolutions 44/213, 45/191 and 46/143;

10. Invites the United Nations system to assist developing countries, at their request, in developing their capacity to assess, inter alia, through appropriate indicators, progress made in satisfying, in the pursuit of human resources development, the fundamental economic, social and cultural needs of their populations, and requests the Secretary-General to include in the report requested in paragraph 9 above information on the steps taken towards this end;

11. Requests the Secretary-General to take into account the important role of human resources development in the elaboration of an agenda for development;

12. Decides to include in the agenda of its fiftieth session the item entitled "Human resources development".

3/ See A/48/564, annex, section entitled "Commonwealth functional cooperation: report of the committee of the whole", para. 28.

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STRENGTHENING OF INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AND COORDINATION OF EFFORTS TO STUDY, MITIGATE AND MINIMIZE THE CONSEQUENCES OF THE CHERNOBYL DISASTER

Report of the Second Committee

Rapporteur: Ms. Irene FREUDENSCHUSS-REICHL (Austria)

I. INTRODUCTION

1. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 24 September 1993, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in its agenda the item entitled "Strengthening of international cooperation and coordination of efforts to study, mitigate and minimize the consequences of the Chernobyl disaster" and to allocate it to the Second Committee.

2. The Second Committee considered the item at its 33rd to 35th, 39th and 45th meetings, on 16 to 18 and 23 November and 6 December 1993. An account of the Committee's discussion of the item is contained in the relevant summary records (A/C.2/48/SR.33-35, 39 and 45). Attention is also drawn to the general debate held by the Committee at its 3rd to 8th meetings, on 8 and 11 to 13 October (see A/C.2/48/SR.3-8).

3. For the consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on the strengthening of international cooperation and coordination of efforts to study, mitigate and minimize the consequences of the Chernobyl disaster (A/48/406);

(b) Letter dated 22 June 1993 from the Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the appeal to parliaments, Governments and the international community issued by the participants in the International Conference on the Scientific and Practical Aspects of Medical and Social Problems and the Role of

the Sanatorium and Spa System in Improving the Health of the Population Exposed to the Effects of Radiation as a Consequence of the Accident at the Chernobyl Nuclear Power Plant, and of Other Radiological Disasters, held on 10 and 11 February 1993 (A/48/218-E/1993/96);

(c) Letter dated 24 August 1993 from the Permanent Representative of Japan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the final documents of the Japan Economic Summit, held in Tokyo from 7 to 9 July 1993 (A/48/353-S/26372).

4. At the 33rd meeting, on 16 November, the Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs made an introductory statement (see A/C.2/48/SR.33).

II. CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT RESOLUTION A/C.2/48/L.19

5. At the 39th meeting, on 23 November, the representative of Belarus introduced a draft resolution entitled "Strengthening of international cooperation and coordination of efforts to study, mitigate and minimize the consequences of the Chernobyl disaster" (A/C.2/48/L.19), on behalf of Barbados, Benin, Belarus, Brazil, Colombia, Cuba, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Georgia, Guinea-Bissau, Hungary, Japan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Malaysia, the Marshall Islands, Namibia, the Republic of Korea, the Republic of Moldova, Romania, the Russian Federation, Slovakia, Slovenia, Thailand, Tunisia, Turkey and Ukraine, subsequently joined by Armenia, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Israel, Latvia, Mexico and Poland. In the course of his statement, the representative of Belarus orally revised the first and third preambular paragraphs of the draft resolution by deleting the references to General Assembly resolution 47/165 of 18 December 1992.

6. At the 45th meeting, on 6 December, the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Ryszard Rysinski (Poland), informed the Committee of the following revisions to the draft resolution made on the basis of informal consultations:

(a) In the fourth preambular paragraph, the words "in particular the Commission of the European Communities" were inserted after the words "and other organizations";

(b) In operative paragraph 1, the words "the activities related to the follow-up to its" were replaced with the words "his efforts in the implementation of";

(c) In operative paragraph 2, the words "United Nations as a catalyst, existing" were inserted before the words "coordination mechanisms".

7. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/48/L.19, as orally revised, without a vote (see para. 8).

III. RECOMMENDATION OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE

8. The Second Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Strengthening of international cooperation and coordination of efforts to study, mitigate and minimize the consequences of the Chernobyl disaster

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming its resolutions 45/190 of 21 December 1990 and 46/150 of 18 December 1991,

Recalling Economic and Social Council resolutions 1990/50 of 13 July 1990, 1991/51 of 26 July, 1992/38 of 30 July 1992 and decision 1993/232 of 22 and 30 July 1993,

Taking note of the decisions adopted by the organs, organizations and programmes of the United Nations system in the implementation of resolutions 45/190 and 46/150,

Noting with appreciation the contribution made by Member States and by organizations of the United Nations system in the development of cooperation to mitigate and minimize the consequences of the Chernobyl disaster, the activities of regional and other organizations, in particular the Commission of the European Communities, as well as bilateral activities and those of the non-governmental sector,

Bearing in mind the communiqué on the meeting of the Governments of Belarus, the Russian Federation and Ukraine and the United Nations Coordinator of International Cooperation on Chernobyl, held at Minsk on 26 May 1993, 1/

Recognizing the importance of providing international support to the ongoing national efforts to mitigate and minimize the radiological, health, socio-economic, psychological and environmental consequences of the Chernobyl disaster, taking into consideration the subsequent social, economic and other changes that have occurred in the countries most affected by the Chernobyl disaster,

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 47/165 of 18 December 1992 and the conclusions of the analytical review of all United Nations activities to study, mitigate and minimize the consequences of the Chernobyl disaster, 2/

1/ See A/48/406, chap. II, sect. B, para. 16.

2/ A/48/406.

1. Requests the Secretary-General to continue his efforts in the implementation of resolutions 45/190, 46/150 and 47/165 and, in particular, to continue to maintain close contacts with the Commission of the European Communities and regional and other relevant organizations, with a view to encouraging the regular exchange of information, cooperation, coordination and complementarity in the multilateral and bilateral efforts in those areas, while implementing programmes and specific projects;

2. Invites the Secretary-General to consider the possibility of a further exchange of information between the United Nations as a catalyst, existing coordination mechanisms and Member States on the activities related to Chernobyl;

3. Requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly for consideration at its fiftieth session, under a separate agenda item, a report on the implementation of the present resolution.

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TRAINING AND RESEARCH: UNITED NATIONS INSTITUTE FOR TRAINING AND RESEARCH

Report of the Second Committee

Rapporteur: Ms. Irene FREUDENSCHUSS-REICHL (Austria)

I. INTRODUCTION

1. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 24 September 1993, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its forty-eighth session the item entitled "Training and Research: United Nations Institute for Training and Research" and to allocate it to the Second Committee.

2. The Second Committee considered the item at its 42nd, 46th and 48th meetings, on 29 November and 9 and 13 December 1993. An account of the Committee's discussion of the item is contained in the relevant summary records (A/C.2/48/SR.42, 46 and 48). Attention is also drawn to the general debate held by the committee at its 3rd to 8th meetings, on 8 and 11 to 13 October (see A/C.2/48/SR.3-8).

3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the report of the Secretary-General (A/48/574).

4. At the 42nd meeting, on 29 November, introductory statements were made by the Under-Secretary-General for Administration and Management and the Acting Director of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (see A/C.2/48/SR.42).

II. CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT RESOLUTIONS A/C.2/48/L.71 AND L.88

5. At the 46th meeting, on 9 December, the representative of Nigeria, on behalf of Algeria, Benin, Cameroon, Namibia, Niger, Nigeria, Pakistan and the United Republic of Tanzania, joined by Gabon, Indonesia, Mali and Sierra Leone, introduced a draft resolution entitled "United Nations Institute for Training and Research" (A/C.2/48/L.71), which read as follows:

"The General Assembly,

"Recalling its resolutions 46/180 of 19 December 1991 and 47/227 of 8 April 1993,

"Taking note of the steps taken to complete the restructuring process of the Institute, including the writing-off of the debt through the disposition of the building of the Institute in New York, the transfer of its headquarters from New York to Geneva, the designing of programmes with a focus on providing training programmes and research activities related t training and, finally, the introduction of strict administrative and financial management criteria,

"Recognizing the importance and relevance of the interdisciplinary training functions within the United Nations system, under the statute of the Institute, the research activities, and research relating to training aimed at enhancing the effectiveness of the work of the United Nations, in particular those undertaken by the full-time senior Fellows of the Institute, without salary or any other remuneration,

"1. Invites the international community to make voluntary contributions to the restructured United Nations Institute for Training an Research, so as to assure its viability and the future development of its training programmes;

"2. Calls upon the Secretary-General, in pursuance of paragraph 2 of General Assembly resolution 47/227, to designate a liaison officer to organize and coordinate the existing training programmes and research activities relating to training in New York, within existing resources;

"3. Decides that, as an interim measure and without budgetary implications, the full-time senior research Fellows appointed in 1992 should continue in their functions and status until a final decision is taken in this regard, on the basis of the recommendations of the Board of Trustees of the Institute, by the General Assembly at its forty-ninth session;

"4. Requests the Secretary-General to continue to provide office space in Geneva and New York and the usual logistical and administrative support for the Institute;

"5. Requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its forty-ninth session a report on the implementation of the present resolution."

6. At the 48th meeting, on 13 December, the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Leandro Arellano Resendiz (Mexico), introduced a draft resolution (A/C.2/48/L.88), which he submitted on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/48/L.71.

7. The representative of the Office of Programme Planning, Budget and Finance made a statement in connection with the programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.2/48/L.71, submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly (A/C.2/48/L.84), as did the representative of Pakistan (see A/C.2/48/SR.48).

8. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/48/L.88 without a vote (see para. 11).

9. In the light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/48/L.88, draft resolution A/C.2/48/L.71 was withdrawn by the sponsors.

10. After the adoption of the draft resolution, the representative of Mongolia made a statement.

III. RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE

11. The Second Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

United Nations Institute for Training and Research

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 47/227 of 8 April 1993,

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General, 1/

Noting with appreciation the steps taken to complete the restructuring process of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research, including the writing-off of the debt through the disposition of the building of the Institute in New York, the transfer of its headquarters from New York to Geneva, the designing of programmes with a focus on providing training programmes and research activities related to training and, finally, the introduction of strict administrative and financial management criteria,

Recognizing the importance and relevance of the interdisciplinary training functions within the United Nations system, the research activities, and research relating to training aimed at enhancing the effectiveness of the work of the United Nations,

1. Invites the international community to make voluntary contributions to the restructured United Nations Institute for Training and Research so as to assure its viability and the future development of its training programmes;

1/ A/48/574.

2. Requests the Secretary-General to examine, in conformity with paragraph 2 of General Assembly resolution 47/227, the measures taken in 1993 with a view to further improving the organization and coordination of the training programmes and research activities relating to training in New York, and to provide appropriate logistical and administrative support, within existing resources;

3. Recommends that, as an interim measure and without budgetary implications, the full-time Senior Fellows should continue in their functions and status until a final decision is taken in this regard on the basis of the recommendations of the Board of Trustees of the Institute during its June session, but no later than 1 July 1994;

4. Requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its forty-ninth session, in the context of his report on the implementation of the present resolution, and in pursuance of resolution 47/227:

(a) Proposals for the enhancement of the research capacity of the United Nations system, including the possibility of transferring the non-training-related research functions of the Institute to other appropriate United Nations bodies, such as the United Nations University, and the possibility of promoting cooperation mechanisms with other relevant national and international research institutes;

(b) Information on the possibility of closer cooperation between the Institute and other qualified national and international institutions, including the International Training Centre of the International Labour Organization at Turin, Italy.

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UNITED NATIONS INTERIM OFFICES

Report of the Second Committee

Rapporteur: Ms. Irene FREUDENSCHUSS-REICHL (Austria)

I. INTRODUCTION

1. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 24 September 1993, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in its agenda the item entitled "United Nations interim offices" and to allocate it to the Second Committee.

2. The Second Committee considered the item at its 26-29th, 46th and 48th meetings, on 9 to 11 November and 9 and 13 December 1993. An account of the Committee's discussion of the item is contained in the relevant summary records (A/C.2/48/SR.26-29, 46 and 48). Attention is also drawn to the general debate held by the Committee at its 3rd to 8th meetings, on 8 and 11 to 13 October (see A/C.2/48/SR.3-8).

3. For the consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on United Nations interim offices (A/48/146/Add.1);

(b) Statement made on behalf of the Secretary-General by the Under-Secretary-General for Policy Coordination and Sustainable Development before the Second Committee on 9 November 1993 (A/48/585).

4. At the 26th meeting, on 9 November, the Under-Secretary-General for Policy Coordination and Sustainable Development made an introductory statement (see A/C.2/48/SR.26).

II. CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSALS

A. Draft resolution A/C.2/48/L.70

5. At the 46th meeting, on 9 December, the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Ryszard Rysinski (Poland), introduced a draft resolution entitled "Operational activities for development: field offices of the United Nations development system" (A/C.2/48/L.70) (see also the report of the Second Committee on agenda item 94, Operational activities for development (A/48/720, para. 8).

6. At the 48th meeting, on 13 December, the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Ryszard Rysinski (Poland), informed the Committee of the results of the informal consultations held on the draft resolution.

7. The Committee had before it a statement on the programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.2/48/L.70, submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly (A/C.2/48/L.85).

8. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/48/L.70 without a vote (see para. 11 below).

9. After the adoption of the draft resolution, statements were made by the representatives of Armenia, the Russian Federation and Finland (see A/C.2/48/SR.48).

B. Report of the Secretary-General on United Nations interim offices

10. At its 48th meeting, on 13 December, upon the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that it take note of the report of the Secretary-General on United Nations interim offices (A/48/146/Add.1) (see para. 12 below).

III. RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE

11. The Second Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Operational activities for development: field offices of the United Nations development system

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming its resolutions 34/213 of 19 December 1979, 44/211 of 22 December 1989, 46/182 of 19 December 1991 and 47/199 of 22 December 1992,

Having considered the statement made on behalf of the Secretary-General by the Under-Secretary-General for Policy Coordination and Sustainable Development before the Second Committee on 9 November 1993, 1/

Reaffirming that the fundamental characteristic of the operational activities of the United Nations system should be, inter alia, their universal, voluntary and grant nature, neutrality and multilateralism,

Reaffirming also the importance of a more effective and coherent coordinated approach by the United Nations system to the needs of recipient countries, particularly at the field level,

Reaffirming further that the mandates of the United Nations separate sectoral and specialized entities, funds, programmes and specialized agencies should be respected and enhanced, taking into account their complementarities,

Reaffirming that assistance should be based on an agreed division of responsibility among the funding organizations, under the coordination of the Government concerned, in order to integrate their response into the development needs of recipient countries,

1. Reaffirms the principle that the assistance provided by the United Nations system should be in conformity with the national objectives and priorities of the recipient countries, that the coordination of various assistance inputs at the national level is the prerogative of the Government concerned and that the overall responsibility for, and coordination of, operational activities for development of the United Nations system carried out at the country level is entrusted to the resident coordinator;

2. Authorizes the establishment of field offices in Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Eritrea, Georgia, Kazakhstan, the Russian Federation, Ukraine and Uzbekistan, and decides that those offices shall be field offices of the United Nations development system;

3. Reaffirms that the field offices of the United Nations development system at the country level shall be coordinated by resident coordinators and shall comply fully with the provisions laid down by the General Assembly relating to the organizational structure, mandates and functions of the offices of the United Nations development system and to the role of the resident coordinator, in particular, those contained in its resolutions 34/213, 46/182 and 47/199;

4. Stresses that all field offices should comply fully with the provisions of its resolution 47/199 relating to the role and functions of the resident coordinator, in particular paragraphs 38 and 39, and reaffirms that the resident representative of the United Nations Development Programme shall normally be designated as the resident coordinator and that, in accordance with resolution 46/182, the resident coordinator shall normally coordinate the humanitarian assistance of the United Nations system at the country level;

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5. Reaffirms that field office activities related to public information, where in place, should follow the relevant provisions of the General Assembly, in particular its resolution 48/44 B of 10 December 1993;

6. Also reaffirms the need to increase the number of common premises, in cooperation with host Governments, in a way that increases efficiency through, inter alia, consolidation of administrative infrastructures of the organizations concerned, but does not increase the costs for the United Nations system or for developing countries;

7. Further reaffirms that all field offices should operate on a sound financial basis;

8. Reaffirms that all field offices are to be funded through voluntary contributions, including those from the host country, and that the United Nations regular budget is a financial source for mandated activities currently related to public information;

9. Decides to review the situation of all field offices as part of the next triennial policy review of operational activities for development within the United Nations system, through the procedures established for this purpose in its resolution 47/199;

10. Stresses that field offices in any new recipient country shall be based on the relevant provisions of General Assembly resolutions, including those contained in the present resolution.

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12. The Second Committee also recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft decision:

Report of the Secretary-General on United Nations interim offices

The General Assembly decides to take note of the report of the Secretary-General on United Nations interim offices. 2/

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ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE TO STATES AFFECTED BY THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS IMPOSING SANCTIONS AGAINST THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF YUGOSLAVIA (SERBIA AND MONTENEGRO)

Report of the Second Committee

Rapporteur: Ms. Irene FREUDENSCHUSS-REICHL (Austria)

I. INTRODUCTION

1. At its 36th plenary meeting, on 25 October 1993, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in its agenda the item entitled "Economic assistance to States affected by the implementation of the Security Council resolutions imposing sanctions against the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro)" and to allocate it to the Second Committee.

2. The Second Committee considered the item at its 33rd to 35th, 40th and 45th meetings, on 16 to 18 and 24 November and 6 December 1993. An account of the Committee's discussion of the item is contained in the relevant summary records (A/C.2/48/SR.33-35, 40 and 45). Attention is also drawn to the general debate held by the Committee at its 3rd to 8th meetings, on 8 and 11 to 13 October (see A/C.2/48/SR.3-8).

3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the report of the Secretary-General prepared pursuant to the note by the President of the Security Council (S/25036) regarding the question of special economic problems of States as a result of sanctions imposed under Chapter VII of the Charter of the United Nations (A/48/573-S/26705).

II. CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT RESOLUTION A/C.2/48/L.27

4. At the 40th meeting, on 24 November, the representative of Bulgaria introduced a draft resolution entitled "Economic assistance to States affected by the implementation of the Security Council resolutions imposing sanctions against the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro)" (A/C.2/48/L.27) on behalf of Albania, Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland, the Republic of Moldova, Romania, the Russian Federation, Slovakia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Uganda, Ukraine and the United States of America, subsequently joined by Cyprus, Germany, Greece, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

5. At the 45th meeting, on 6 December, the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Ryszard Rysinski (Poland), made a statement in which he informed the Committee of the results of the informal consultations held on the draft resolution and orally revised it as follows:

(a) In operative paragraph 4, the words "and invites the competent organs and specialized agencies of the United Nations system" were inserted after the words "all States";

(b) At the end of operative paragraph 5, the words ", as well as to submit a report on the implementation of the present resolution to the General Assembly at its forty-ninth session" were added;

(c) Operative paragraph 6 was deleted.

6. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/48/L.27, as orally revised, without a vote (see para. 8).

7. After the adoption of the draft resolution, the representative of Ukraine made a statement (see A/C.2/48/SR.45).

III. RECOMMENDATION OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE

8. The Second Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Economic assistance to States affected by the implementation of the Security Council resolutions imposing sanctions against the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro)

The General Assembly,

Recalling the provisions of Articles 25, 48, 49 and 50 of the Charter of the United Nations,

Recalling also its resolution 47/120 B of 20 September 1993 entitled "An Agenda for Peace", and in particular part IV thereof,

Recalling further Security Council resolutions 713 (1991), 724 (1991), 757 (1992), 787 (1992) and 820 (1993), in which the Security Council decided to impose an arms embargo against the territory of the former Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia and a comprehensive set of trade and economic sanctions against the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro),

Taking note of Security Council resolution 843 (1993), in which the Security Council entrusted the Committee established pursuant to its resolution 724 (1991) with the task of examining requests for assistance under the provisions of Article 50 of the Charter of the United Nations, as well as other relevant resolutions,

Commending the efforts of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 724 (1991) aimed at improving the efficiency of its work,

Expressing concern at the special economic problems confronting States and in particular the States that border the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro), the other Danube riparian States and other States in the region adversely affected by the severance of their economic relations with the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro) and the disruption of traditional transport and communications links in that part of Europe,

Noting the information provided by States regarding the measures taken to give full effect to the sanctions as laid down in the relevant Security Council resolutions, as well as the information concerning the special economic problems they have been confronted with as a result of the implementation of those measures,

Recalling the recommendations adopted by the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 724 (1991) concerning Yugoslavia with regard to the States confronted with special economic problems arising from the application of sanctions against the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro) pursuant to Security Council resolutions 757 (1992), 787 (1992) and 820 (1993),

Recognizing that the continued full implementation of Security Council resolutions 713 (1991), 724 (1991), 757 (1992), 760 (1992), 787 (1992) and 820 (1993) by all States will support measures to ensure compliance with these and other relevant resolutions,

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General prepared pursuant to the note by the President of the Security Council (S/25036) regarding the question of special economic problems of States as a result of sanctions imposed under Chapter VII of the Charter of the United Nations, 1/

1. Commends the States bordering on the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro), the other Danube riparian States and all other States for the measures they have taken to comply with Security Council resolutions

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713 (1991), 724 (1991), 757 (1992), 760 (1992), 787 (1992) and 820 (1993), and urges all States to continue to observe those resolutions strictly;

2. Recognizes the urgent need to assist States in coping with their special economic problems arising from the implementation of sanctions against the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro), inter alia, through consideration of assistance for the promotion of the exports of the affected countries and for the promotion of investments in those countries;

3. Supports the recommendations of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 724 (1991) concerning Yugoslavia, in response to requests for assistance received by the Security Council from certain States confronting special economic problems under the provisions of Article 50 of the Charter of the United Nations, in which the Committee, inter alia:

(a) Appealed to all States on an urgent basis to provide immediate technical, financial and material assistance to the affected States to mitigate the adverse impact on their economies of the application by those States of sanctions against the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro) pursuant to Security Council resolutions 757 (1992), 787 (1992) and 820 (1993);

(b) Invited the competent organs and specialized agencies of the United Nations system, including the international financial institutions, and the regional development banks to consider how their assistance programmes and facilities might be helpful to the affected States, with a view to alleviating their special economic problems arising from the application of sanctions against the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro) pursuant to Security Council resolutions 757 (1992), 787 (1992) and 820 (1993);

4. Appeals to all States and invites the competent organs and specialized agencies of the United Nations system to fulfil these recommendations of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 724 (1991) concerning Yugoslavia;

5. Requests the Secretary-General to seek on a regular basis information from States and the concerned organs and agencies of the United Nations system on action taken to alleviate the special economic problems of the affected States and to report thereon to the Security Council, as well as to submit a report on the implementation of the present resolution to the General Assembly at its forty-ninth session.

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EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE FOR THE SOCIO-ECONOMIC REHABILITATION OF RWANDA

Report of the Second Committee

Rapporteur: Ms. Irene FREUDENSCHUSS-REICHL (Austria)

I. INTRODUCTION

1. At its 50th plenary meeting, on 4 November 1993, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in its agenda the item entitled "Emergency assistance for the socio-economic rehabilitation of Rwanda" and to allocate it to the Second Committee.

2. The Second Committee considered the item at its 33rd to 35th, 42nd and 45th meetings, on 16 to 18 and 29 November and 6 December 1993. An account of the Committee's discussion of the item is contained in the relevant summary records (A/C.2/48/SR.33-35, 42 and 45). Attention is also drawn to the general debate held by the Committee at its 3rd to 8th meetings, on 8 and 11 to 13 October (see A/C.2/48/SR.3-8).

II. CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT RESOLUTION A/C.2/48/L.35

3. At the 42nd meeting, on 29 November, the representative of Algeria, on behalf of the African States, introduced a draft resolution entitled "Emergency assistance for the social and economic rehabilitation of Rwanda" (A/C.2/48/L.35). Subsequently, Belgium, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, El Salvador, Honduras and the Republic of Korea joined in sponsoring the draft resolution. In the course of his statement, the representative of Algeria orally revised the draft resolutions as follows:

(a) Wherever the words "social and economic rehabilitation" appeared, they were replaced with the words "socio-economic rehabilitation";

(b) In operative paragraph 5, the word "materialization" was replaced with the word "completion".

4. At the 45th meeting, on 6 December, the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Ryszard Rysinski (Poland), made a statement in which he informed the Committee of the results of the informal consultations held on the draft resolution and orally revised it as follows:

(a) A seventh preambular paragraph was added to read as follows:

"Noting the recent large-scale inflow of refugees from Burundi into Rwanda,";

(b) In operative paragraphs 2, 4 and 5, the words "Member States" were replaced with the words "all States".

5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/48/L.35, as orally revised, without a vote (see para. 6).

III. RECOMMENDATION OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE

6. The Second Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Emergency assistance for the socio-economic rehabilitation of Rwanda

The General Assembly,

Recalling Security Council resolutions 812 (1993) of 12 March 1993 and 846 (1993) of 22 June 1993 on the situation in Rwanda,

Recalling also Security Council resolution 872 (1993) of 5 October 1993 in which it urged Member States, United Nations agencies and non-governmental organizations to provide and intensify their economic, financial and humanitarian assistance in favour of the Rwandese population and of the democratization process in Rwanda,

Noting with satisfaction the signing, on 4 August 1993 at Arusha, United Republic of Tanzania, of the Peace Agreement between the Government of Rwanda and the Rwandese Patriotic Front, which put an end to the armed conflict,

Taking into account the serious consequences of the breakdown of the national economy and the destruction of important social, economic and administrative infrastructures in the areas affected by the war, as well as the imperious necessity to satisfy the needs of the displaced persons and the refugees,

Taking into consideration the fact that the implementation of the Arusha Peace Agreement would create favourable conditions for the socio-economic rehabilitation of Rwanda,

Taking also into consideration the fact that the insufficiency of economic and financial resources of Rwanda requires the assistance of the international community in order to enable the implementation of the Arusha Peace Agreement,

Noting the recent large-scale inflow of refugees from Burundi into Rwanda,

1. Calls upon all parties to do their utmost to achieve the full and effective implementation of the Arusha Peace Agreement and national reconciliation goals, thus creating conditions conducive to the socio-economic rehabilitation of the country;

2. Expresses its appreciation to all States, United Nations organizations and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations for the emergency humanitarian assistance rendered to Rwanda since the beginning of hostilities;

3. Welcomes the United Nations Consolidated Inter-agency Appeal for Rwanda, launched in April 1993 by the Department of Humanitarian Affairs of the Secretariat in favour of displaced persons in Rwanda; 1/

4. Urges all States, United Nations organizations and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to intensify, in favour of Rwanda, economic, financial, material and technical assistance in order to encourage the process of rehabilitation and sustained development, especially by raising its economy, rebuilding and rehabilitating various infrastructures destroyed by the war;

5. Invites all States, United Nations organizations and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to provide to Rwanda adequate assistance for the settlement of displaced persons and the repatriation of refugees, the demobilization of soldiers and reintegration of demobilized soldiers in civil life, the clearance of mines and the completion of the democratic process;

6. Requests the Secretary-General to support with all possible assistance the consolidation of peace in Rwanda and to submit a report to the General Assembly at its forty-ninth session on the implementation of the present resolution;

7. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its forty-ninth session the item entitled "Emergency assistance for the socio-economic rehabilitation of Rwanda".

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